PATENT APPLICATION

## 03500.017148

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	Examiner: Unassigned		
Hidetoshi NOJIRI	)	•		
Application No.: Unassigned	; )	Group Art Unit: Unassigned		
Filed: September 8, 2003	)			
For: RECORDING MEDIUM RESIDUAL AMOUNT DETECTING DEVICE, IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH DEVICE, AND PROGRAM FOR OPERATING COMPUTER	) : ) :	September 8, 2003		

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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